

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The school districts of educate more than 480,000 students and strive to provide a safe, nurturing and supportive environment of educational excellence where all belong, all learn and all students can achieve success; and

WHEREAS: Parental involvement is one of the most important factors in any student's success in school; and

WHEREAS: Teachers and others say it can often be difficult to get parents into their school buildings to tour classrooms, meet staff and learn first-hand about their child s progress; and

WHEREAS: Visit Our School Month is a statewide call to community members and leaders, local businesses, and families to get involved throughout our Nature State; and

WHEREAS: While schools districts welcome members of the public year-round, this coordinated effort provides parents, local businesses, community members and leaders an opportunity to learn more about the many educational opportunities available to our youth; and

WHEREAS: During Visit Our Schools Month, schools are offering guided tours, not an open house style environment. The safety of students will always remain top priority. Principals and school staff will be leading the tours and tour groups will never be unsupervised; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans can contribute their talents and skills to improving the school community throughout our great State by joining school committees and volunteering in the classroom or at school events. They can also become a mentor at a neighborhood school and offer support to our dedicated teachers, administrators and support service personnel in collaborative partnerships;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in collaborative partnerships with local school districts to learn about the many educational opportunities available in our cities and towns of our great state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State